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MEMORANDUM TO: Prosecution Section (Report #76)  
THRU: Executive Officer, War Crimes Branch  
SUBJECT: Crimes Against Allied Prisoners of War  
at Bilibid Prison, Manila, Luzon, P.I.,  
from May 1942 to February 1945.

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II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE:

A detailed summary of the evidence contained in the attached fifty-three sworn statements of witnesses and forty-six unsworn statements or memorandums would serve no useful purpose. Suffice it to say that these statements contain ample evidence to prove that from May 1942 until its fall to American forces in February 1945, the conditions at Old Bilibid Prison, Manila, P.I., were atrocious.

a. The cells were grossly over-crowded and sanitation facilities were non-existent or extremely crude (Exhibits 1-11). The regular diet consisted of a maximum of seven hundred to eight hundred calories a day and during the worst periods, the prisoners received only two meals a day consisting of one-half and three-fourths of a canteen cup of rice respectively (R 15-21).

b. The little food actually issued to the prisoners was often contaminated, resulting in many cases of dysentery and diarrhea. Beri-beri was also prevalent (R 11-14). On one occasion eight persons died from dysentery, no hospitalization having been provided (R 24).

c. American prisoners of war frequently resorted to eating garbage from the scrap cans and pig troughs. Captain NOGI, Medical Director, was apparently responsible for these conditions (R 2, 113-115).

d. American prisoners were beaten with sticks and baseball bats, often to insensibility. A Major R. B. PRAGER, 26th Cavalry, was hanged by the wrists for sixty hours and a Major Thomas S. JONES of the same unit for eighteen hours in September and October 1943 (R 89, 90).

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e. About three thousand prisoners slept on concrete floors without bedding or mosquito nets. There were three showers for their use (R 36).

g. In 1942 a prisoner escaped from Old Bilibid. Fifteen hundred prisoners were placed on a diet of straight rice for three months as punishment (R 141-143).

h. On 11 or 12 October 1944 twelve hundred prisoners were evacuated from Bilibid Prison to the dock area in Manila Bay which was then subjected to an Allied bombing raid (R 129-131).

i. On about 19 June 1942, Japanese army personnel at Old Bilibid Prison confiscated all quinine and medical supplies brought by prisoners of war from the hospital at "Little Baguio" (R 15, 16).

j. Confiscated Red Cross supplies originally destined for Allied prisoners of war were stored in General YAMASHITA's Headquarters in Manila. The number of these boxes was estimated to be more than a thousand (R 151-152).

The above mentioned incidents are merely representative examples of the uniformly brutal treatment accorded to prisoners of war at Old Bilibid by the Japanese.

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太平洋方面英國陸軍總司令部

地方 法務局 戦争犯罪記録

陸軍郵便局 五〇〇

一九四五年十月十八日

2100 1000

檢察部宛 (報告第六号)

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戰爭犯罪部 行政官 庶務將校

90 件

一九四二年五月から一九四五年二月に至り「アイリビシ」  
諸島に「アイリビシ」監獄所、聯合軍  
俘虜を対する犯罪

正證據書，不取要

証人、五十三通、三折を陳述書及び四十六、宮折書十二、陳  
述書三言載せし證據、半に要と目し本情書も不之役ハニクナイヤウ  
タミコシテ、陳述書が一九四二年五月から一九四五年二月までアメリカ軍ノチニ入  
リテ、南アイリスビエ諸島等、オールドビルベツド監禁所、状態が破  
産アツタトイフコトが判ル十分ノ證據ヲ包含スルモノイフダケデ充分  
アル

イ、監聲室ハセドウ混雑ニテテ衛生施設ハ全無又、甚ニ汚穢ナリ

二、奉附量証(一一) 日平均食料(一日量)取高七。〇。カラ(八。〇。カラ)

コリーデ一番飛入時ニ保老居ニ日ニ食ヲ水筒ノフタ、フツ、フツニ煮

ヲ二分、ト四分、三程ヲ各一度、ツツ世貞ヒタシテ (凡五十二)

口。停房ニ實際ニ配給セシタ僅カテ食料ノ展々ヲシテオリニシテ、

數束柳 上下柳 可發生之。脚 氣无又流竹 子并之。 (R 11-10)

ナル時、公が亦爾で就て医学治療せしむ力ナリ。(凡二四)

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ハ、アメリカ、俘虜、空軍、残リヤ、隊、餌、喰、カ、残、物、ヲ、サ、セ、ニ、シ、タ、

医務官、乃、本、大、尉、ガ、ツ、収、斂、ニ、対、シ、責、任、ヲ、ツ、ク、ト、思、心、ス、

(R-二二五)

ニ、アメリカ、俘虜、棒、球、バ、ッ、ト、デ、何、時、モ、負、絶、ニ、改、メ、

ニ、シ、タ、。一九四三年九月ニ、オ、ニ、六、騎、兵、部、隊、ノ、ア、ル、ビ、ー、

シ、ガ、一、少、佐、六、十、時、間、又、同、部、隊、ノ、ト、ー、マ、ス、エ、ミ、ヨ、ン、ス、少、佐、

ハ、同、年、十、月、三、十、八、時、間、同、夫、々、ヲ、首、デ、吊、リ、上、ゲ、ラ、シ、タ、ニ、シ、タ、

(R-八九九)

ホ、約、三、〇、〇、人、俘虜、寝、具、モ、改、帳、モ、ナ、イ、ツ、リ、ト、床、上、

ニ、寐、ミ、タ、。ソ、ノ、ニ、此、ノ、場、ニ、三、ツ、ノ、テ、ラ、浴、場、ガ、ア、リ、ニ、シ、タ、(R-三六)

ヘ、一九四二年、俘虜、オ、ー、ル、ド、リ、ビ、ツ、ド、カ、ラ、逃、ゲ、ニ、タ、一、五、〇、人、

俘虜、其、他、刑、ト、シ、タ、三、百、人、同、ボ、タ、ケ、ノ、食、ヲ、導、引、シ、タ、

(R-四一四三)

ト、一九四四年十月十二日、カ、二、日、ニ、一、〇、〇、人、俘虜、オ、ー、ル、ド、リ、ビ、ツ、ド、監、禁、

所、カ、ラ、聯、合、軍、ノ、爆、撃、ヲ、受、ケ、テ、三、ラ、一、番、ノ、被、止、場、地、ヲ、移、サ、シ、

ニ、シ、タ、(R-二九一三)

ケ、一九四二年六月十九日頃、オ、ー、ル、ド、リ、ビ、ツ、ド、監、禁、所、ノ、日、

本、兵、ハ、リ、ン、バ、ン、オ、ー、ノ、病、院、カ、ラ、俘虜、ヲ、持、ツ、テ、来、タ、ク、ラ、ト、イ、フ、

ソ、ノ、他、監、禁、品、ヲ、金、部、沒、收、シ、タ、(R-一五二六)

リ、本、東、聯、合、軍、ノ、俘虜、ニ、送、ラ、レ、タ、赤、十、字、ノ、供、養、品、ヲ、沒、收、セ、リ、シ、タ、

山、王、大、將、司、令、部、ニ、貯、藏、セ、リ、シ、タ、。ソ、ノ、箱、數、ハ、十、箱、以、上、

概、算、サ、レ、タ、(R-一五二一五三)

上、述、事、件、オ、ー、ル、ド、リ、ビ、ツ、ド、ノ、俘虜、ニ、日、本、人、ガ、興、ヘ、ル、一、種、ノ、残、虐、行、

為、ノ、代、表、的、例、ニ、過、ギ、セ、タ、